

was killed while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. This was 1stLt Donnelly's first combat deployment. 1stLt Donnelly was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California.

According to the Associated Press, 1stLt Donnelly, of Picayune, Mississippi, always wanted to join the U.S. Marine Corps. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in June 2003, and served as an Assault Amphibious Vehicle (SSV) crewmember in the 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Gulfport, Mississippi. He transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Midshipman to attend the officer training program at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, New York, where he served as a Midshipman Regimental Commander. 1stLt Donnelly was commissioned as a 2ndLt in the United States Marine Corps after graduating in June 2008, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering.

After TBS, 1stLt Donnelly was designated an infantry officer in October 2009, and served as a rifle platoon commander assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Kilo Company, 2nd Platoon, Camp Pendleton, California. 1stLt Donnelly married his wife, Linsey, on September 11, 2010. He deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, 15 days later.

1stLt Donnelly's family learned of his death on Thanksgiving Day in 2010. Melissa Donnelly-Weed, 1stLt Donnelly's sister, posted on her Facebook page that day. "Always be thankful for family," Melissa said. "I will always be thankful and grateful I had a wonderful brother. He gave his life today for his country doing what he loved—being a Marine. I will miss him forever. I love you, Will!" William J. Donnelly, III, 1stLt Donnelly's father, said his son would not have any regrets, even though the loss was extremely hard to bear. "Will was doing what he loved to do and what he always wanted to do," Mr. Donnelly said. "I am sure if we could talk to him now, he would say he had no regrets."

In a release issued by Camp Pendleton, officials said that they had lost a member of their own family. "The Marines and sailors of the 1st Marine Division mourn the loss of 1stLt Donnelly," the release read. "Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family."

After learning of 1stLt Donnelly's death, Picayune Mayor Ed Pinero said it was always hard to lose a hero. On behalf of the city, he extended their heartfelt condolences to the family. "1stLt Donnelly's sacrifice and that of all the men and women who fall in combat protecting our country's freedom should never be forgotten," Mayor Pinero said. Additionally, Mayor Pinero announced that 1stLt Donnelly's name would be inscribed on a monument in front of the old city hall in Picayune to ensure the town's war heroes are never forgotten. A funeral service was held Tuesday, December 14th, at the United States Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Maryland. Interment was held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Friends of 1stLt Donnelly held a memorial service in Picayune at the same hour of the service at Arlington.

1stLt Donnelly is survived by his wife, Linsey Becker-Donnelly; his parents, William Donnelly, III and Vicki Donnelly; his two sisters, Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) Melissa Donnelly-Weed and Rebecca Donnelly; and his nephew Christian Weed.

1stLt Donnelly was awarded the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

1stLt Donnelly's service and sacrifice to defend America will always be remembered.

IN HONOR OF RADA SMITH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Rada Smith on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

I join her friends and family in extending my best to her on this occasion and in celebrating her life and contributions to our great state. I hope she uses this momentous day to do the same.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Rada Smith on her birthday. May her year be filled with happiness and blessings.

RETIREMENT OF DORIS JACKSON

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Doris Jackson for her remarkable career in the Capitol's food service industry.

Doris Jackson was born in Rockingham, North Carolina, to proud parents Samuel and Lucy Brown. Growing up in a household with seven brothers, three sisters, and four other relatives, Doris always knew the importance of family. After graduating from Leak Street High School in 1964, she moved from Rockingham to Washington, D.C. two years later. Doris then went on to receive her post-high school education in 1971, specializing in banking. It was in 1980, however, when she got her first job in the Capitol as a cashier in the Cannon Carry-Out.

After just two years, Doris was promoted to the role of supervisor. She served in that position until 1994, when she took a brief sabbatical. Meanwhile, in 1988, Doris married the love of her life, Rev. Dr. Mark Jackson. She ultimately returned to work in 1999, where she remained until her recent retirement on December 28, 2017. Doris loved working in the Capitol, as she was able to meet and connect with countless people, from Members of Congress and staffers to constituents visiting Washington, D.C. I am certain that after a long and cherished career, Doris will enjoy her well-deserved retirement, during which she will enjoy spending time with her son, Michael McDonald, two grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Doris Jackson also plans to spend her retirement doing what she loves. She hopes to travel when she can, and when the weather is nice, she will be hard at work gardening. Moreover, as a member of Macedonia Community Church for 37 years, she still plans to attend services each Sunday. In addition, Doris will continue to volunteer, as she has always loved doing community service. Furthermore, she plans to read, watch her favorite

television shows, and maintain her collection of turtle figurines.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Doris Jackson on her phenomenal career and retirement. She is kind, caring, and joyful. While I miss seeing her in the Longworth cafeteria each day, I hope she is having an outstanding retirement.

THE RALPH HENDRICKS AWARD—MR. WAYNE CRICK

HON. TREY GOWDY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of Mr. Wayne Crick:

Whereas, 20 February 2018, the Boy Scouts of America will honor Mr. Wayne Crick with the Ralph Hendricks Award. The Ralph Hendricks Award seeks to recognize an admirable citizen who is committed to pursuing the ideals of community service and leadership.

Whereas, it is my honor to acknowledge Mr. Wayne Crick's remarkable dedication to improving the city of Mauldin and upstate of South Carolina. His commitment to serving as a leader in his community includes a myriad of roles—from serving eight years as the Mayor of Mauldin, to the President of his Sunday school class at the United Methodist Church, and serving two years as a member of the Mauldin City Council. His life continues to enrich the people of South Carolina. Be it

Resolved, That I, TREY GOWDY, do congratulate Mr. Wayne Crick on his achievement, and thank him for his unwavering commitment and devotion to serve our community and the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina.

CONGRATULATING THE METROPOLITAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Metropolitan Economic Development Association on its recognition as the top minority business developer by the United States Department of Commerce.

Over the past 45 years, MEDA has provided assistance to more than 20,000 businesses owned by people of color. MEDA has worked to break down the barriers that these entrepreneurs face in building futures for themselves, their families, and their businesses. MEDA has helped establish more than 1,400 jobs in the Twin Cities. As a result of its tireless dedication and wealth of services, this is the second consecutive year that MEDA has received the commendation of top minority business developer from the U.S. Commerce Department.

Since MEDA launched their loan program in 1995, they have fulfilled a major need for minority entrepreneurs who have sustainable

businesses, but fall short of traditional lending standards. With minority owned businesses being the fastest growing segment in Minnesota's economy, MEDA's services have helped create jobs and generate increased economic activity.

MEDA's current president and CEO, Gary Cunningham, has used his experience in the human services field to reinforce MEDA's mission of serving the underserved. Under Gary's leadership, MEDA has continued to expand their loan fund and gain support from local companies in helping minority owned businesses succeed. Gary has focused his career on making a difference for low income people through his various leadership positions in organizations like Northpoint Health and Wellness center and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Metropolitan Council, and Hennepin County. His undying commitment to public service and the common good is evident from his career of notable accomplishments.

MEDA has grown to be an everlasting community asset and a reliable institution for entrepreneurs of color looking to start up or expand a business. MEDA is critical fuel for the economic engine that drives our state. I would like to commend MEDA for this well-deserved recognition, and looking forward to their future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY
SPELLERBERG

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Shirley Spellerberg, former Mayor of Corinth, Texas as she prepares to relocate to North Carolina after almost three decades of service to her home State.

Born and educated in Waco, Texas, Shirley married her late husband, USAF pilot Herman R. Spellerberg while he was on leave from PanAm Airlines. When Herman came home from his tour of duty in Korea and returned to PanAm, he and Shirley resided in Pasadena and Miami for several years each. During this period, Shirley honed her speaking and leadership skills as a passionate conservative activist, hosting a conservative talk radio program "Speak Out Miami" and on television as a conservative counterpoint to her liberal feminist co-host on the weekly show "To The Point."

Shirley and Herman returned to Texas in 1979 when Herman retired from PanAm. A Life Member of the NRA and active with the Eagle Forum, Shirley soon reengaged as a conservative activist in Denton County, quickly joining several local Republican Party organizations and serving from 1998 to 2006 as part of the statewide party as SREC.

Shirley is also known for her steadfast leadership to the City of Corinth. Except for a break between 1989 and 1990, she served the City as Mayor from 1983 to 2001. Shirley's leadership shaped the City as its population grew tenfold from approximately 1,200 to 12,000 during her terms as Mayor. It was also during this period that Shirley influenced the long-term direction and economic development of the community with the adoption of the City's Home Rule Charter in 1999 and the 2000 opening of North Central Texas College's Corinth campus.

Shirley Spellerberg is a Denton County institution. I have appreciated her counsel and opinions provided throughout my service in Congress and I have sought-out and appreciated her wisdom and experience when facing particularly thorny legislative decisions. While we have not always been in agreement, I have always respected her faith, commitment to community service and her dedication to conservative principles. On behalf of the 26th Congressional District, I wish her much happi-

ness in the support of family and I value our shared commitment in leaving a strong, proud and stable country as a legacy for our grandchildren.

YARD HOUSE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yard House for receiving the 2017 West Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year Award.

Yard House is a modern American gathering place, where food and beer lovers unite. The restaurant offers 130 taps of draft brews, an array of crafted cocktails, and a globally-inspired menu featuring more than 100 made-from-scratch favorites. Each Yard House location has a distinct vibe with custom artwork, a classic and current rock soundtrack of 10,000 songs and glass-enclosed keg room housing up to 3,000 gallons of fresh, quality beer. Founded in Long Beach, Calif., in 1996, Yard House now has 71 restaurants across 24 states and is open daily for lunch, dinner, happy hour and late-night dining.

The Colorado Mills Yard House has been part of the Lakewood community for 14 years. When hail split the roof of the restaurant in May 2017, they needed to close for refurbishment. During this time, they continued to pay their employees until reopening in August 2017. Throughout the closure, team members were offered classes biweekly on topics ranging from beer selection, wine pairings and fresh ideas for improving hospitality.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Yard House for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.